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SUBJECT: MNANGAGWA SAYS FOREIGN ELECTION OBSERVERS
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CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR TOM MCDONALD FOR REASONS 1.5
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11. (C) AMBASSADOR MCDONALD CALLED ON MINISTER OF JUSTICE, LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS EMMERSON MNANGAGWA ON APRIL 14 TO ASK WHETHER FOREIGN OBSERVERS WOULD BE WELCOME DURING THE GENERAL PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. THE JUSTICE MINISTER SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN SOME DESENTING VOICES, FOREIGN OBSERVERS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO ZIMBABWE, AS THEY HAVE BEEN FOR EVERY ELECTION SINCE 1980. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN POLICY, THE MINISTER AFFIRMED. AMBASSADOR MCDONALD THEN ASKED FOR A WRITTEN INVITATION, BUT MNANGAGWA SAID THAT ONE WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING. NEVERTHELESS, THE MINISTER SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE TO PRESIDENT MUGABE TO ISSUE AN ORAL INVITATION TO FOREIGN OBSERVERS WHEN HE ANNOUNCED THE ELECTION DATE. THE AMBASSADOR THANKED THE MINISTER, AND SAID THAT HE HOPED THE ZIMBABWEAN GOVERNMENT WOULD GUARANTEE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE OBSERVERS, BECAUSE IMAGES FLASHED AROUND THE WORLD OF VIOLENCE IN HARARE AND ON THE FARMS HAD RAISED

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CONCERN IN WASHINGTON. MNANGAGWA FELT CONFIDANT THAT IT COULD.

12. (C) THE MINISTER ALSO NOTED THE DISPUTE BETWEEN JUSTICE SANDURA, CHAIR OF THE DELIMITATION COMMISSION, AND THE PRESIDENT OVER THE ELECTION DATE. MNANGAGWA SAID PRESIDENT MUGABE PREFERRED A DATE IN MAY, BUT SANDURA "HAS HIS OWN AGENDA" AND WANTS IT LATER. THE MINISTER SAID THE ISSUE HAS YET TO BE RESOLVED.

13. (C) TURNING TO MATTERS RELATING TO THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE CONGO, THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED MNANGAGWA OF SPECIAL ENVOY HOWARD WOLPE'S TRAVEL PLANS. THE MINISTER AGREED TO RECEIVE WOLPE, TENTATIVELY THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 21. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO ASKED MNANGAGWA TO STRESS TO PRESIDENT MUGABE THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO RECEIVE S/E WOLPE. THE MINISTER AGREED TO DO SO.

14. (C) IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION, MNANGAGWA SAID HE PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO KINSHASA ON APRIL 17, AT PRESIDENT KABILA'S INVITATION. HE BEGGED OFF

TRAVELING IMMEDIATELY, AS HE WISHED TO BE BRIEFED BY
PRESIDENT MUGABE, WHO ONLY RETURNS TO HARARE ON APRIL
16, REGARDING WHAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE SUMMIT IN
KINSHASA. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT THE UNITED
STATES LOOKED TO ZIMBABWE TO EXERCISE ALL OF ITS
INFLUENCE WITH PRESIDENT KABILA TO ADHERE TO THE LETTER
AND SPIRIT OF THE LUSAKA ACCORD, THE MINISTER SAID THAT
THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONAL ARMY COMMANDER HAD BEEN SENT TO
KINSHASA LAST WEEK TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE FAC'S CEASE
FIRE VIOLATIONS. KABILA TOLD THE SENIOR ZIMBABWEAN
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MILITARY OFFICIAL THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH
VIOLATIONS, BUT ALLOWED THAT HIS COMMANDERS SOMETIMES DO
THINGS WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION OR KNOWLEDGE. HE SUMMONED
SEVERAL SENIOR CONGOLESE MILITARY OFFICERS TO HIS OFFICE
TO HEAR THE ZIMBABWEAN ARMY COMMANDER'S COMPLAINT.
KABILA INSTRUCTED HIS OFFICERS HENCEFORTH TO CLEAR ALL
MANEUVERS WITH THE ALLIES AND STRESSED HIS
DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THEY HAD NOT DONE SO. THE
CONGOLESE, MNANGAGWA SHRUGGED, SAY "YES", AND THEN DO
SOMETHING ELSE.

15. (C) FINALLY, AMBASSADOR MCDONALD PROBED MNANGAGWA ON
PRESIDENT KABILA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FRENCH. HE
NOTED THAT THE FRENCH AND THE RWANDANS WERE CURRENTLY
EXPERIENCING SOME TENSION AND WONDERED WHETHER PRESIDENT
KABILA WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO MESSAGES FROM THE FRENCH.
MNANGAGWA SPECULATED THAT PROBABLY NOT, AS THOSE
SURROUNDING KABILA WOULD NOT ALLOW THE FRENCH TO GET
CLOSE TO HIM. MNANGAGWA OBSERVED THAT THE BELGIUMS WERE
USING GEORGE FORRESTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE UNION MINIERE,
TO GET CLOSE TO KABILA. THE ZIMBABWEAN MINISTER NOTED
THAT KABILA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UNITED STATES HAD
CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION FOLLOWING

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